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# H. R. 2978

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 19, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. INCREASE IN MAXIMUM AGE TO QUALIFY FOR**  
4 **COVERAGE AS A “CHILD”.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8901(5) of title 5, United  
6 States Code, is amended—

1           (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),  
2       by striking “22 years of age” and inserting “25  
3       years of age”; and

4           (2) in the matter following subparagraph (B),  
5       by striking “age 22” and inserting “age 25”.

6       (b) SELF AND FAMILY COVERAGE FOR A FORMER  
7 SPOUSE.—Section 8905(c)(2)(B) of title 5, United States  
8 Code, is amended—

9           (1) in clause (i), by striking “22 years of age”  
10       and inserting “25 years of age”; and

11          (2) in clause (ii), by striking “age 22” and in-  
12       serting “age 25”.

13       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act and the amend-  
14       ments made by this Act—

15           (1) shall take effect on the first day of the first  
16       contract year beginning at least 180 days after the  
17       date of the enactment of this Act; and

18           (2) shall apply with respect to health care serv-  
19       ices or supplies provided on or after the date on  
20       which this Act takes effect.

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